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FOR WEB MATERIAL APPLICATOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

A response to a restriction requirement was mailed on November 15, 2002. The response elected claims 13-18 for further prosecution. Prior to examination of this application on the merits, please enter the preliminary amendments shown below.

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 6, with the following paragraph:

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-- The vacuum anvil roll 20 comprises a hub 45 mounted on a shaft 46. The hub is formed of metal or composite, especially cold rolled steel and may be coated with any nonstick material, for example, Impreglon #420, a non-stick industrial surface coating available from the DuPont Company, and officially known as "420-104." The adhesive surface of the tape 11 contacts about 90 degrees to about 200 degrees of the surface of the vacuum anvil roll 20, preferably between 160 to 200 degrees of the surface of the vacuum anvil roll 20, and particularly about 180 degrees of the surface of the vacuum anvil roll 20. The anvil roll 20 has a

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